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## Commonwealth Cleanup Week

**Commonwealth Cleanup Week (CCW)** and the first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup event of the year are fast approaching. This year's Commonwealth Cleanup (CCW) event is **March 22-29, 2003**. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (NREPC) realizes that many counties already sponsor spring cleanup efforts at various times; however, we encourage you to sponsor some cleanup efforts during CCW.

With the implementation of House Bill 174, over 58 counties and 82 cities have received money for litter abatement programs. Counties must conduct three cleanups and cities must conduct two cleanups per

year on public roads.

The Division of Waste Management highly encourages you to conduct your cleanups during Commonwealth Cleanup Week and during the **Adopt-A-Highway events held April 19-26, June 21-28 and September 20-27**.

Because the reporting system and cleanup times are already in place for both programs, participation in these statewide events will save you the time and challenges of launching your own event.

The Division of Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful are providing **free garbage bags** to participating counties for CCW. Your activities will be counted in the nationwide, as well as statewide, tally of activities

as part of the **Great American Cleanup**, which occurs from March - May 2003.

**President George W. Bush** has agreed to be the Honorary Chairperson for the Great American Cleanup, and will be presenting awards to the states with outstanding programs. Let's pitch in and make Kentucky one of those states!

**To obtain the free garbage bags, please contact Sara Evans or Leslie King at (502) 564-6716.**

The NREPC is sponsoring three cash prizes, \$500, \$250 and \$100, for eligible groups participating in **Commonwealth Cleanup Week**. Eligible groups include civic, religious and charitable organizations and other non-profit groups. Non-profit groups should

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### SUBMISSIONS PLEASE!

We want to highlight **YOUR** county! Please submit ideas, success stories, pictures, helpful hints, etc. to our office! We are able to scan photos sent by mail or you can send your scanned or digital photographs to [melinda.meredith@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:melinda.meredith@mail.state.ky.us).



contact the Solid Waste Coordinator (SWC) or Judge/Executive (J/E), select a project, complete the project and submit the survey form to the SWC or J/E. **A copy of the nonprofit participation form is enclosed with this mailing and is also available online at:** <http://www.nr.state.ky.us/images/cleanupregister.pdf>. Groups that do not have their form signed by either the SWC or J/E will not be eligible for the prize drawing.

**In the past, groups have turned in Adopt-A-Highway forms for CCW. Please use the CCW forms enclosed in this package, as the AAH forms should not be forwarded to the Division of Waste Management. You may contact Trudi Johnson at the Transportation Cabinet for AAH information at (502) 564-4890.**

This mailing also contains the CCW cumulative report form, which SWCs have been asked to fill out and mail back to the Division of Waste Management.

This cumulative report form is used to calculate the totals from your nonprofit participation forms. **Attach the re-**

**port form to the participation forms and mail everything to Frankfort by April 18, 2003.**

Also enclosed two graphics that you can request your local newspaper run as a public service.

If you have additional questions about the nonprofit prize giveaway contact Kerry Holt at (502) 564-2282 ext 166. For information about Commonwealth Cleanup Week activities sponsored by Division of Waste Management, call 1-888-NO DUMPS.

### **Solid Waste Regulation Package Filed**

With the enactment of House Bill 174, the State will obtain funding for remediating abandoned landfills and cleaning illegal dumps.

A regulation package was filed with the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) on October 15, 2002, containing information on the implementation of the Environmental Remediation Fee (ERF) and the forms to be used to remit the fee.

The public comment period to the Cabinet has ended and the regulation will now be reviewed by the Legislature this session. Upon approval, the cabinet will provide fact sheets to counties, and the regulation upon request.

The Cabinet will be preparing a second regulation package, which will outline the issues relating to registering waste haulers and recyclers, as well as litter and dump programs.

The "Litter Letter" was sent to counties on October 18, 2002. The letter contained an agreement to be signed by both counties and cities indicating their interest in receiving the litter abatement funds allowed in House Bill 174 and their commitment to litter abatement activities [three (3) public road cleanups per year and two (2) city street cleanups per year]. The money allocated for the litter funding is set forth in House Bill 174 and comes from the Department of Transportation.

A total of \$5 million dollars will be granted to counties and cities based on roads miles and population. Incorporated cities that provide municipal solid waste collection service, by ordinance or other means, are eligible to receive a portion of the money allocated to the county.

Counties and cities that participate in the litter program must agree to provide a 25% match to the dollar amount allocated for them, and the

match can be in-kind. Please refer to the “Instructions” in the HB 174 Amendments to Guidelines for Preparation of Area Solid Waste Plan Guidelines 2003-2007 for the definition of “in-kind”.

**If your county has not sent in their litter agreement form and/or you need additional forms, please contact Sara Evans or Leslie King at (502) 564-6716.**

### **Illegal Dump Cleanups**

Most counties have submitted their 2003-2007 Area Solid Waste Management Plan. Based on the information provided in the plans on illegal dumpsites in each county, the Cabinet will prioritize all illegal dumps in Kentucky based on threat to human health and the environment. Once the prioritization is complete, counties will be notified of the ranking. The revenue will be ongoing, and ultimately we hope to ensure the cleanup and reimbursement for all dumps statewide. The cabinet will reimburse counties for seventy-five (75%) percent of the cost of cleaning the dump.

### **Elections**

In January, forty-two (42) new County-Judge Executives came into office. The Local Assistance staff

is visiting those counties and discussing solid waste activities. If you are a new county-judge executive, expect a call from our staff to schedule a meeting with you and the Fiscal Court.

### **Field Operations Branch**

In anticipation of the implementation of House Bill 174, the Field Operations Branch is making more frequent inspections at transfer stations, convenience centers, contained landfills and construction/demolition landfills and they intend to make contact at all registered facilities. Convenience centers do require a registered permit-by-rule from the Solid Waste Branch. If your convenience center is not permitted, contact the Solid Waste Branch at (502) 564-6716 to begin the permitting process.

### **Composting Facilities**

Permits are required for composting operations. Composting operations can maintain 75% of its volume and remain in compliance. The environmental performance standards must be met at all composting facilities.

Piles of chipped wood or mulch must also meet the requirements of the environmental performance standards. Chipped wood-piles or mulch used as bene-

ficial reuse must be actively managed and used within a year of collection.

### **Local Assistance News New Staff**

The Local Assistance section has two new employees! Jennifer Spradlin and Lynn Brammer joined us on February 17, 2003 as Environmental Technologist III. Jennifer comes to us from the Division of Waste Management, Underground Storage Tank Branch and Lynn is joining us from the Division of Water, Field Operations Branch.

With the addition of the new staff, county assignments will be changing. Our goal is for each staff person to be responsible for fewer counties so we may visit them more frequently and better assist counties with their solid waste management programs.

Please join us in making these ladies feel welcome.

### **Another Addition**

Billy Hill and his wife, Lauren, are expecting their first child in May 2003. Please join us in congratulating Billy and Lauren on this exciting news. If you would like to help Billy and Lauren name their baby girl, submit your name suggestions to: William.Hill@mail.state.ky.us.

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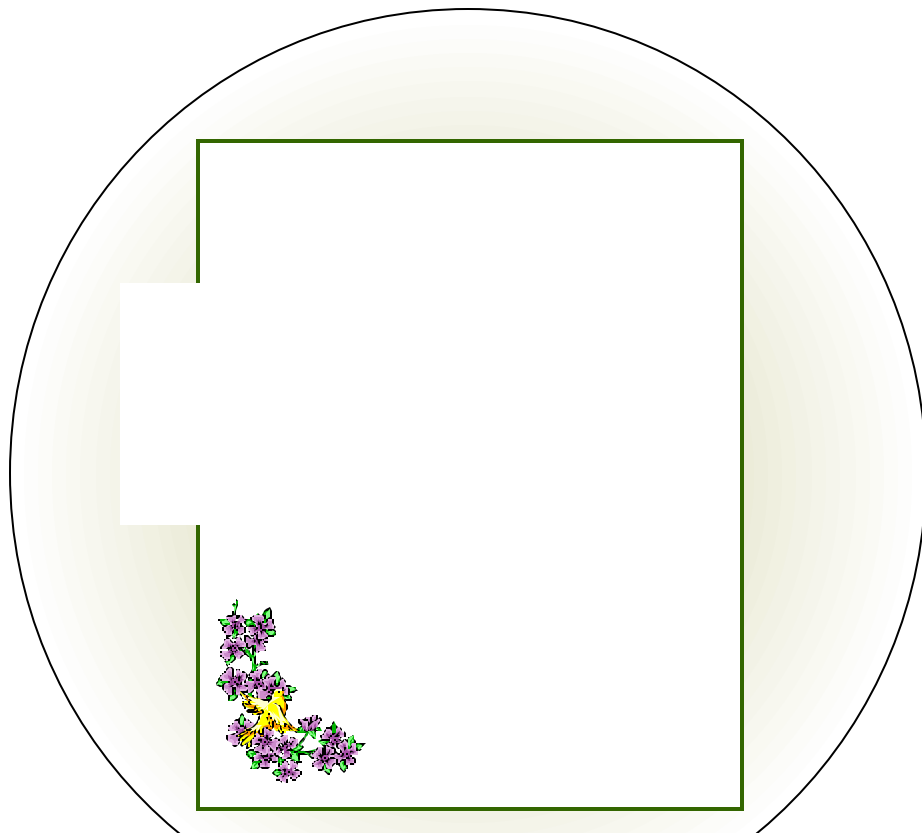
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